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Among other topics

Weinberger to discuss arms co-production

By Wahib Ghorab
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 6 — Saudi Arabian security and the possibility of the Kingdom and the United States co-producing U.S.-designed weapons will be leading topics here when U.S. Defense Minister Caspar Weinberger meets Sunday with Defense Minister Prince Sultan.

"I have come to demonstrate the warm friendship that exists between us and the government of Saudi Arabia," Weinberger said Saturday as he arrived here. He said the security and the power of the Kingdom are tied up with U.S. security and the security of the region in general.

Prince Sultan said Weinberger's visit is a friendly one and that Saudi Arabian-American relations have been cordial ever since the foundation of the Kingdom by King Abdul Aziz.

"Our talks will deal with what interests us and the U.S. within the context of our Islamic and Arab traditions," Prince Sultan said.

Weinberger, who will spend four days here before going on to Oman and Jordan will have a series of talks with Prince Sultan and will also call on Crown Prince Fahd.

Upon his arrival, Weinberger said, "We want to see how Saudi Arabia and the United States could most effectively help some of the countries within the Gulf in order to secure our mutual security." He indicated that during his tour he will ascertain the wishes of the

countries he visits and said, "We have had some requests for specific weapons systems and co-production might be possible."

Weinberger said that his discussions with Prince Sultan will concentrate on "mutual basic coordinated security assistance" to a number of other Gulf countries. "But first we want to find out the wishes of the Kingdom and see the ways Saudi Arabia and the United States can most efficiently help countries in the Gulf, which can add to our mutual security."

Saudi Arabia leads the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which also includes Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and the Sultanate of Oman. Weinberger's arrival coincided with a GCC foreign ministers conference in Bahrain, where Gulf security was being discussed.

It also coincided with an accusation from Oman that South Yemen was plotting with the Soviet Union to overthrow the regime of Sultan Qaboos Bin Saeed and of forming an axis with Libya and Ethiopia to spearhead attainment of "Soviet ambitions" in the Gulf region.

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GCC foreign ministers discuss Iranian threat

BAHRAIN, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — Foreign ministers of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council began a two-day extraordinary conference here Saturday with Iran as a key topic of discussion.

The meeting was opened by Bahrain's Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad Bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa, whose country has called for severing ties with Tehran over the Iran-backed plot against the island state.

Sheikh Muhammad made no reference to Iran in his brief address to the conference, which Arab diplomats said was organized as a show of support for Bahrain.

Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) formed the council in May last year.

Sheikh Muhammad said the parley was aimed at "laying down the ground work for an edifice of cooperation...to ensure the present and protect the future" of the Gulf region. The meeting then went into a closed session.

An official Kuwaiti source was quoted earlier in the day as ruling out a rupture of

GCC diplomatic relations with Iran in the interest of "future understanding" and an end to the 16-month-old Iraq-Iran war. But the same, unidentified source was quoted by the newspaper *Al-Rai Al-Am* as saying that the conference was to discuss joint action to counter Iraq's threats to export its revolution to neighboring states of the Gulf region.

Conference sources said meanwhile that the ministers will concentrate on spearheading efforts for security in the Arab-Israeli arena.

In his opening address, Bahrain's foreign minister appealed for Arab unity, vowing that the ministers will seek to avoid "the negativism of the past." The ministers will discuss Saudi Arabia's eight-point Mideast peace plan, advanced by Crown Prince Fahd last August, and Israel's annexation of Syria's Golan Heights.

Sheikh Muhammad said the Gulf ministers will also specifically review the series of joint GCC strategy meetings held in Riyadh over the past two weeks.

Spending set at \$757b

U.S. budget gap is \$91b

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan is expected to tell Congress Monday the recession would send federal deficits soaring past \$90 billion this year and next as he submits a 1983 budget calling for deep, new cuts in social programs, billions more for defense and no major tax increases.

"We did not promise the American people a miracle," said the president, who had campaigned on a promise of lower taxes, less spending, more defense and a balanced budget by 1983 or sooner. To an election-year Congress certain to be more critical of his proposals than it was a year ago, Reagan proposed spending for the 1983 fiscal year of \$757.6 billion. The deficit was pegged at \$91.5 billion, a figure only slightly below the revised forecast of \$98.6 billion in the current fiscal year.

To avoid projecting the nation's first \$100 billion deficit, Reagan proposed an additional \$2.4 billion in budget cuts this year in order to reach the \$98.6 billion revised current deficit. He said economic recovery will begin "on schedule" this spring but conceded that unemployment will average 8.9 percent for 1982. He predicted inflation will continue to be moderate and said interest rates would drop, "if perhaps unevenly."

Reagan, who recently resisted calls by aides and Republicans in Congress to raise taxes, declared: "Our task is to persevere, to stay the course, to shun retreat, to weather the temporary dislocations and pressures that must inevitably accompany the restoration of national economic, fiscal and military health."

He asked for reductions in domestic programs that were cut a year ago — welfare, public housing and food stamps among them — of \$27 billion next year. Social security was exempted while a presidential commission studies proposals for reform, but medicare was not. Reagan called as well for a second phase of his buildup for the Defense Department and nuclear weapons in the energy department; spending of \$221.1 billion, a \$33.6 billion or 18 percent, increase over the current year. Money for two new nuclear-powered aircraft carriers is included.

The president shunned deficit-reducing proposals for major tax increases but called for elimination of "obsolete incentives" for business to the tune of \$7.2 billion in 1983 and \$3.2 billion through 1985.

He renewed his call for a "new federalism" program that includes a federal takeover of medicare in exchange for full state funding of food stamps and the government's main welfare effort. More than 40 federal programs also would be turned back to the states, along with about \$30 billion in federal revenues to help the states pay for them.

\$9b provided for foreign aid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP) — Citing serious threats to U.S. global interests the Reagan administration asked Congress Monday to approve \$4.7 billion in security aid to friendly nations in its 1983 budget, an increase of \$1.2 billion from this year.

It also wants \$5 million to start a new anti-terrorism training program to help foreign law enforcement authorities "combat international terrorism more effectively."

The budget for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 continues the recent trend toward giving greater emphasis to military and security aid to other nations over traditional economic assistance. That means help is being oriented in the direction of friendly nations and that it may be harder for neutral countries to obtain assistance.

In addition to increased security assistance, there also would be an improvement in the financial terms of the aid, if Congress approves the administration's budget proposals. The budget gave no breakdown of what countries would receive aid. That will be provided in a separate report to Congress later. However, there is little doubt that Israel and Egypt will continue to receive substantially more aid than other nations.

If Congress approves, the total foreign aid budget for fiscal 1983 would amount to \$9.4 billion in budget authority, up from \$8 billion in 1982. Actual outlays would total \$8.2 billion up from \$7.8 billion.

Most of the shift in emphasis from traditional economic aid to security assistance shows up in the requests for spending authority for future years. The administration requested \$4.7 billion in spending authority for international security assistance in fiscal 1983, and \$3.8 billion in outlays, compared with \$3.5 billion in authority and an identical \$3.5 billion in outlays in fiscal 1982.

According to projections in Reagan's 1983 budget, the trend will continue and the outlays for security assistance will exceed outlays for traditional foreign economic aid in fiscal 1984 and again in 1985. Among outlays for security assistance in 1983, the largest items are \$900 million in military sales credits to finance purchases of U.S. weaponry, up from \$755 million in 1982, and \$2.7 billion in economic support funds for countries of strategic importance, up from \$2.3 billion.

For annexing Golan Heights

86 countries vote to punish Israel

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — Friday's vote by the United Nations General Assembly against Israel seems to be a further step toward seeking the exclusion of the country from either the U.N. itself or at least the General Assembly, observers said Saturday.

But General Assembly resolutions are recommendations rather than enforceable orders. It would be up to the Security Council, where the United States, France and Great Britain have veto powers, to exclude Israel from the U.N. The vote by 86 Arab, nonaligned and Communist countries for far-reaching sanctions against Israel for annexing the Syrian Golan Heights in December was viewed in Israel as "the most hostile resolution that the assembly has adopted against Israel since the resolution that 'Zionism is a form of racism,' sources close to the Israeli Foreign Ministry said. Most of these 86 countries do not have diplomatic relations with Israel.

Greece, which does not officially recognize Israel, voted for the resolution in a move seen as a further pro-Arab shift by the newly-elected Greek Socialist government. Egypt abstained and the United States and members of the Western European Common Market (EEC) countries, except Greece, voted against the text.

The U.S. reaction to the resolution was especially strong. Jeane Kirkpatrick, the U.S. ambassador to the U.N., called it "this miserable resolution" designed only for vengeance and reprisal.

The resolution said Israel was not a peace-loving nation, asked U.N. members to isolate the Zionist state by suspending military aid as

Khaled donates to marriage fund

RIYADH, Feb. 6 (SPA) — King Khaled has donated SR5 million to the one-year-old fund to help finance marriage expenses young men encounter upon getting married. The fund is to meet the soaring cost wedlock.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz, director-general of the scholarly research and religious guidance said Saturday that the King had donated a similar sum last year bringing the total so far received from donors to over SR37 million.

Crown Prince Fahd has donated a total of SR9 million for the same purpose while Defense Minister Prince Sultan gave SR2 million. Other donations ranged from SR3 million by an anonymous donor to SR50,000 by a businessman.

The fund was set up last year by Sheikh Abdul Aziz to help young men get married by offering part of the cost of the ceremony.

well as economic, financial and diplomatic relations and called Israel's annexation moves "illegal and invalid." Another aim of the resolution, to have Israel expelled from the U.N.'s special organizations, seemed unlikely because of the attitude of Western nations. The abstentions of Spain and such Latin American countries as Argentina, Colombia and Venezuela also worked in Israel's favor.

Israel cannot be expelled from the U.N. except by the Security Council, but it might be ejected from the General Assembly if its credentials were questioned at the next regular session starting in September.

But the vote was also seen as a victory for Arab unity. Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, to New York to emphasize Syria's sponsorship of the resolution, was quoted Saturday in the Lebanon daily *Al-Nahar* as saying that he praised the common effort made by Arab countries to pass it. He called the vote "a political victory for Arabs."

Khaddam said the Arab countries had scored a "sweeping political victory," achieved worldwide support and worldwide rejection of Israeli policy. He said the resolution canceled the legitimacy of Israel's U.N. membership by declaring the country was not committed to peace or to U.N. resolutions.

In Damascus, the official media echoed Khaddam's triumphant tone. The state radio said the "Victory has put American and Israeli diplomacy in a tight corner despite the enormous resources and octopus-like channels they possess in the world." But the government newspaper *Tishrin* cautioned that the diplomatic battle was "a complementary means to restore land and rights ... and was never a substitute for the only alternative".

By the only alternative, *Tishrin* appeared to mean forcing concessions from Israel by building up Arab military power, in line with Damascus' aim of achieving an Arab-Israeli strategic balance.

In Kuwait, Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah also sounded a restrained note. He told reporters the resolution "is positive irrespective of its strength or weakness. And we hope that the countries

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Fahd receives Sudan minister

RIYADH, Feb. 6 — (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz, the deputy premier, Saturday received at his office here the visiting Sudanese Energy Minister Ali Sherif Al Thobani.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani.

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Fire fighting parley to open

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 6 — The three-day symposium on modern firefighting methods, organized by the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization here, will be inaugurated by Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Solaim, who also is the chairman of SASO, Monday.

Engineers, planners and consultants, besides architects and representatives of various factories and government institutions will be attending the symposium at which research papers will be read out. There will also be discussions on the building design and the code of practices followed in the Kingdom. Building materials used in construction, their methods of manufacture and testing in relation to their fire resistance capacity will also be examined.

Participants in the symposium include, among others, Dr. Khaled Yusuf Al-Khalaf, director general of SASO; Rashad A. Saqr, general secretary of the interior ministry's supreme organization of industrial safety; Prince Abdullah ibn Faisal ibn Turki, royal general director of safety department commission for Jubail and Yanbu; Maj. Muhammad Nasser, civil defense institute director; Bjorne Strand of Royal Danish Ministry of Housing and Mukhtar Al-Shibani of SASO.

There will be an exhibition on modern fire fighting equipment at the end of the symposium. The information gleaned from the symposium will be utilized by SASO in formulating the standards concerning the fire protection system in the Kingdom.

Prayer Times

Sunday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Down)	5:31	5:36	5:07	4:56	5:21	5:53
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:35	12:36	12:07	11:54	12:18	12:48
Asr (Afternoon)	3:50	3:48	3:19	3:04	3:28	3:55
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:15	6:12	5:43	5:28	5:52	6:19
Isha (Night)	7:45	7:42	7:13	6:58	7:32	7:49

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Worth over SR400m Jeddah tourist plans set

JEDDAH, Feb. 6 — Crown Prince Fahd has approved the new tourist plans for Jeddah and directed officials to implement them in conformity with the city's development and its Red Sea position. The plans are estimated to cost nearly half-a-billion.

According to *Al-Riyadh* Saturday, the royal approval was given after a recent meeting between the crown prince and Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi who said that the site has been designed in the shape of islets spread into an area of two million sq. meters. The area will consist of two mosques, restaurants for families and functions and a horse racing track.

Group studies Jizan's needs

JIZAN, Feb. 6 (SPA) — The committee charged with studying the conditions of town and villages of the western coast conferred Friday night with the emir of Jizan, Sheikh Muhammad ibn Turki Al-Sudairi.

The committee, led by Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi, had visited Ghorrah, Turbayan, Board, Turbatul Jouf, Guwaidish, Emarsh, Ourash, Hulail and Bariq. The committee's members met the emirs and notable of the villages and town and discussed their needs and conditions of services.

It includes undersecretaries of communications, health, municipal and social affairs; assistant undersecretaries of the interior and planning; and the regional representatives of the ministries of municipal and rural affairs, agriculture and water, and finance.

The emir of Jizan gave a dinner banquet in honor of the committee.

Farsi said their architectural designs will have the features of most areas inside the Kingdom, in addition to a tower and harbor for the yachts. He added that Prince Fahd also agreed that the creeks in front of the Hamra area be deepened and wharves constructed and illuminated. A sum of SR400 million has been allocated for the project and another SR15 million for the creation of a thicket on the corniche, he said.

The mayor added that the crown prince has shown a keen interest in the southern part and has agreed to sanction a budget grant of SR125 million for the completion of the corniche in that region.

On the other hand, the Jeddah municipality is carrying out studies on the construction of independent suburban areas at least 30 kms. away from the city. The municipality is also making plans for the site of the old airport and how best it could be turned into a full-fledged model town.

Al-Sheikh, Austrian ponder cooperation in agriculture

RIYADH, Feb. 6 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh held talks on cooperation Saturday with Austrian Agriculture and Forestry Minister Chuhunter Hayden.

They discussed cooperation in breeding horses and assistance in examining seeds at the seed improvement center planned in the Kingdom. Talks also covered private sector cooperation in the two countries on milk production and seeking Austrian expertise in chicken and cattle feeding. In addition to cooperation in training personnel in dairy, poultry and animal husbandry activities.

The meeting was attended by Muhammad Ali Makki, undersecretary for agricultural affairs; Abdul Aziz al-Madeel, undersecretary for research; other officials of the ministry and the delegation accompanying the Austrian minister.

Hayden later was received by Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim. The two officials reviewed cooperation in some commercial aspects. He also visited Riyadh's National Antiquities Museum. The Austrian minister arrived here earlier in the morning from Hofuf and was received by Al-Sheikh. His four-day tour of the Kingdom began Thursday in Dhahran.

Friday, he inspected agriculture and water ministry projects in Ahsa. He was shown the irrigation and drainage project, the veterinary training center, Luwaimi reservoir and the sand checking project. Hayden was accompanied by Abdullah Al-Babtain, director general of the Ahsa irrigation and drainage project authority.

He paid a similar visit to Jubail Friday where he saw the water desalination project and other industrial ventures.

Malaysia to get \$174 million aid

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb. 6 (AP) — The Saudi Arabian government has agreed to give Malaysia 400 million ringgits (\$174.7 million) in aid for more than 13 projects under the fourth Malaysia plan (1981/1984).

Tengku Ahmad, who returned last week from negotiations with officials in Riyadh, said the aid included funds for the construction of an oil refinery in Malacca, 150 km southeast of here. He was speaking at a meeting of his political party.

Saudi Arabia also agreed to supply Malaysia with 20,000 barrels of crude oil daily effective immediately, he said. The amount is to be increased to 50,000 barrels in 1983.

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Syria to invoke treaty with USSR if attacked by Israel -- Khaddam

BEIRUT, Feb. 6 (AP) — Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam said in a magazine interview published Saturday his government will invoke its treaty of friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union if Syria was attacked by Israel.

"Israel and the United States realize what the activation of this treaty will mean," Khaddam said in an interview with the Paris-based independent Lebanese magazine *Al-Mustakhal*. But he did not spell out the Soviets' treaty obligations in case of a Syrian-Israeli war.

Al-Mustakhal said Khaddam, interviewed at the United Nations, made the statement on the friendship treaty in response to a question about a general conviction in the United States that Israel could defeat Syria in a blitzkrieg.

"Syria is not an easy fish to swallow," Khaddam said. "An aggression on Syria will make Syria invoke the provisions of the treaty of friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union."

Syrian President Hafez Assad signed the treaty in Moscow on Oct. 8, 1980. Published clauses of the document provide for consultation and cooperation between the two countries in case of an external threat to the security of either nation. Since the signing of the treaty, the Syrians have been pressing for military parity with Israel within the framework of what they call a strategic bal-

ance in the Middle East.

Khaddam said the need for a strategic balance became a more pressing after the United States and Israel concluded the now-suspended strategic cooperation pact late last year.

The strategic balance, Khaddam said, has three major foundations:

— That Syria be strong politically, economically and militarily in the full sense of the word strong.

— That other major Arab states undertake an efficient partnership with Syria in confronting aggression on the grounds that the Middle East conflict is not only a Syrian-Israeli conflict but an Arab-Israeli one too.

— That the Arab states as a whole forge solid relations with the Soviet Union to match strong existing ties between the United States and Israel.

"The Arabs," Khaddam said, "face three major forces that fall within the framework of a unified front. These forces are Israel, the international Zionist movement and the United States. So consequently there should be three forces in the opposite front. These are Syria, the Arab states and a solid relationship with the Soviet Union."

Khaddam said Syria would keep on seeking expanded arms supplies from the Soviet Union to achieve military parity with Israel. But he declined to be specific, saying only that Israel's military arsenal was "much bigger at present than what we have."

Ex-Iran official and brother slain

BEIRUT, Feb. 6 (AP) — A former deputy cabinet minister and his brother have been assassinated in Tehran, the official news agency IRNA reported Saturday. IRNA said two motorcyclists opened fire on Muhammad Ali Amidi and his brother Reza Friday night as the two were entering their house in Africa Street in one of Tehran's posh residential areas.

Muhammad died immediately and his brother died soon after being taken to a hospital.

Muhammad Ali Amidi was deputy minister of industry and mines after the 1979 revolution which deposed the Shah. IRNA did not say when he served in the government. The

agency said the two attackers escaped. Investigations are underway.

For the past seven months underground leftist urban guerrillas have been waging a campaign of bombing and assassinations against Ayatollah Khomeini's regime.

The government says more than 1,000 prominent Khomeini supporters have died in the attacks, while at least 1,671 government foes

have been reported executed.

In one of the most recent reported assassination attempts, President Ali Khamenei's brother, Muhammad Khamenei, a parliament member from the northeastern city of Mashad, was shot and wounded in Tehran on Jan. 10.



Abdul Halim Khaddam

Israel's Eytan sees no threat to ceasefire

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — A buildup of Palestinian commando forces in southern Lebanon does not pose an immediate threat to the U.S.-mediated ceasefire along Israel's northern border, Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan said Friday.

"I don't think this commando reorganization and rearmenting put us in a difficult situation which we cannot handle," Eytan said.

Eytan said he did not think the fighting that raged across the Israeli-Lebanon border for two weeks last July would resume immediately. "This could be in the future," he said. "But that's not the situation today."

Defense Minister Ariel Sharon warned earlier this week that Israel would not tolerate a resumption of fighting along the northern border, and said Israel would react sharply if attacked.

Eytan contradicted claims made Thursday by Maj. Saad Haddad, Lebanese commander of the Israeli-backed rightist militia forces in southern Lebanon, that more than 900 commandos had infiltrated the border area controlled by the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

Eytan said the largest commando force and their heavy weapons were concentrated north of the Litani River, and said there was no massive commando infiltration into areas supervised by U.N. peacekeeping forces.

Meanwhile, U.N. sources said Palestinian commandos have withdrawn most of 60 men they moved into a village in South Lebanon controlled by United Nations troops.

Turkish press faces new curbs

ANKARA, Feb. 6 (R) — Turkey's military rulers announced further restrictions against the press Saturday and banned non-government bodies from inviting or meeting foreign delegations. The military, which seized power 17 months ago after years of rampant political violence, issued a statement barring the Turkish press from quoting foreign news reports critical of Turkey.

It ordered societies, foundations, trade unions, and other bodies to seek the permission of the martial law authorities before inviting foreign delegations.

Permission must also be sought for meetings with any foreign delegation arriving in Turkey uninvited, the statement said. The measures reflected a deterioration in relations between Turkey and the West following criticism of Turkey's military rule last week by the Council of Europe, of which Turkey is a member.

Head of State Gen. Kenan Evren accused the council of interfering in Turkey's affairs and hinted Turkey might withdraw from the body.

The press has not been censored since the September 1980 coup although editors have been warned to stick to guidelines laid down by the generals.

Saturday's military statement was vague. It banned Turkish newspapers from quoting foreign radio stations or other foreign news media "that continually spread lies and feelings of hatred against Turkey and against the present administration." But they appeared free to quote foreign news reports not critical of Turkey's military rulers.

No-war pact talks seen as victory for Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 6 (ONS) — The talks on a no-war pact in New Delhi between Pakistan's Foreign Minister Agha Shahi and his Indian counterpart, Narasimha Rao, are seen in Islamabad as a major victory for Pakistan. Although limited in their discussions, both sides have not only agreed on the need for such a pact and declared it to be in the best interests of regional security, but they have also recorded "mutual understanding" on a number of issues. The talks are to be resumed in Islamabad within a fortnight.

When the no-war pact was first proposed, the Indians decided to appear aghast. How could a country which had fought three wars with India, which had just signed a \$3.2 billion agreement with the United States primarily for the supply of military equipment, which was embarking on its biggest military buildup for decades, say it wanted peace. The Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Gandhi was dismissive.

But Pakistan remained determined and conveyed its proposal, formally, to the Indian Foreign Office in November. Even when violations of the United Nations-supervised line of control in Kashmir reached a seven-year high, President Zia ul-Haq dismissed them as routine, regrettably but no cause for alarm. Islamabad repeated that it was sincere in wanting peace and that the Indians were being churlish.

Pakistan presented a strong case. Much of its military equipment is out-of-date. Although the Americans were supplying sophisticated equipment and 40 F-16s, at the same time India—with an already massive arms superiority over Pakistan—was buying arms from the Soviet Union including advanced combat aircraft.

There are genuinely-held fears here of a Moscow-Kabul-Delhi axis, fears which have not been allayed by India's refusal to condemn outright Moscow's Afghan adventure. Shahi, before going to Delhi spoke, with some disappointment of "regional changes which have unfortunately produced friction and an increase of tension between Pakistan and India rather than proximity and mutual understanding which might have been expected."

But doubt remains on both sides. India and Pakistan share a history of conflict and confrontation and misunderstanding. It was only in 1972, with the Simla Agreement, that both sides formally renounced the use of force for the settlement of their disputes — including Kashmir.



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Mubarak discusses M.E. with Thatcher

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher met Saturday for talks focusing mainly on the Middle East peace process and the outcome of his trip to the United States.

Mubarak, who arrived in London after four days in the U.S., is on his first visit to Britain since assuming power after the assassination of President Anwar Sadat last October.

Mubarak and Mrs. Thatcher had a private meeting and were later joined by their aides at the prime minister's country residence outside London, Egyptian officials said. They added that the two leaders discussed what would happen in the Middle East after Israel completes its withdrawal from the Sinai in April.

Britain is one of four countries in the European Economic Community (EEC) taking part in a multinational peacekeeping force which will patrol the Egyptian-Israeli border after the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai.

Moves to improve negotiations between Egypt and Israel for Palestinian autonomy on the West Bank of the River Jordan and the Gaza Strip were also discussed at Saturday's meeting, the officials said.

The autonomy talks are bogged down because of differences between Egypt and Israel on how much self-rule the 1.5 million Palestinians living in the two areas should have.

Officials here said Britain wanted to know Mubarak's views on the role the EEC could play to help reach a comprehensive Middle East settlement. Mubarak is expected to

restate Egypt's commitment to the Camp David peace process and to say he will carry on Egypt's policy of peace with Israel after the Zionist state completes its withdrawal from Sinai.

Also on the agenda of the talks was a strengthening of bilateral cooperation in economic, military and other fields, officials said.

In Washington, Mubarak pledged Friday to build new "bridges of understanding and friendship" with Israel after its withdrawal from Sinai in April. "This policy is irreversible," Mubarak said in a speech to the National Press Club. "It is the trend of the future."

At the same time, Mubarak renewed his call for the United States to "start a dialogue" with Palestinian Arabs. "The core of the whole problem is the Palestinian problem," he said at a news conference. "We should not deny that."

Declaring there are "many moderate Palestinians," the Egyptian leader said they will join the stalled Mideast peace talks once a declaration of principles is reached by Egyptian and Israeli negotiators.

Mubarak said any Palestinian council that is set up must have control over the land now held by Israel. "We cannot say that the authority will have control over the people and not the land," Mubarak said.

"If we Egyptians accept such a principle, we will be attacked from every country in the world," he said.

Meanwhile, the Reagan administration, in a vote of confidence for Mubarak, is granting Egypt greater control over its \$1 billion U.S. economic aid package and proposing that military aid be boosted \$400 million.

Mubarak, while taking a conciliatory stand in his speech, denied he is setting new conditions for a solution to the Palestinian dispute. He had opened his four-day visit to Washington Wednesday urging President Ronald Reagan to support a "national entity" for the 1.5 million Palestinian Arabs living under Israeli control.

In his speech, Mubarak said Egypt will begin negotiating for a Palestinian autonomy plan. But he said it was up to the Palestinians to settle the question of self-rule.

On other matters, Mubarak advocated creation of a nuclear-free zone in the Middle East.

Arms shipments to PLO may lead to war, Haig says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig has said any supply of armaments to Palestinian fighters in southern Lebanon could lead to renewed fighting on the border with Israel. Haig was answering a question Friday about a Reuter report from Damascus quoting Palestinian sources as saying the Soviet Union had supplied the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) with weapons and military equipment worth \$50 million over the last three months.

Haig, who did not specifically mention the Soviet Union, said: "We view the provision of armaments to Palestinian elements in southern Lebanon as an aggravation to the efforts we have been engaged in to prevent the outbreak of conflict."

The Damascus report said the PLO had received surface-to-air and ground-to-ground missiles, field guns and radar. Haig said: "It is true there are reports of levels of both tubed artillery (and) rocketry moving through Lebanon to the Palestinian forces in southern Lebanon."

Haig, asked whether the shipments could lead to renewed fighting, replied: "It has the potential, of course."

The United States helped work out the seven-month-old South Lebanon ceasefire between the Palestinian commandos and the Israelis.

Haig suggested that U.S. diplomat Philip Habib, whom President Reagan sent to the area last year to help arrange the ceasefire, might return there soon. "This is one of the areas of focus for Ambassador Habib, to achieve a termination of these destabilizing actions," Haig said. "In the period ahead, he will clearly have additional work to do in that area."

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TUNIS, (R) Delegates at an Arab economic and social council meeting here this week have proposed measures to stop professional and skilled workers going to work abroad, officials said Friday. At the 32nd session of the council which ended Thursday experts proposed setting up a special working committee to experts proposed setting up a special working committee to examine the question.

BEIRUT, (AFP) — Iraqi Vice-Premier Taha Ramadan told a press conference in Baghdad Saturday that between 10,000 and 12,000 Arab volunteers, mostly Syrians and Egyptians, were fighting on the Iraqi side in the war against Iran.

AMMAN, (AP) — U.N. Assistant Secretary-General Brian Urquhart met Saturday with King Hussein to discuss current Middle East issues and the situation in southern Lebanon, according to an official announcement.

Polisario seeks direct talks with Morocco

NAIROBI, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — The Polisario Front Saturday demanded direct negotiations with Morocco to achieve peace in the disputed Western Sahara. Without direct negotiations — which Morocco has repeatedly rejected — the Polisario said there can be no peace agreement and referendum in the mineral-rich territory.

Polisario Minister of Information Muhammad Salem Ould Saleck held a news conference as foreign ministers of a seven-nation Organization of African Unity committee began meeting to try and draft a plan of action for a ceasefire and referendum in the Western Sahara. A two-day heads of state mini-summit on the Western Sahara begins Monday.

For the Polisario Front, negotiations cannot be other than with Morocco and the Polisario together in the same place supervised by the (OAU) Implementation Committee," Saleck said. "It is impossible to achieve the peace without negotiations between the Polisario Front and Morocco."

The Polisario has been waging a war for independence of the Western Sahara since Spain withdrew from the territory in early 1976. Morocco, which lays historic claim to the territory, has annexed the Western Sahara in stages over the past six years.

The seven-nation OAU Implementation Committee set conditions last August for a ceasefire and referendum which were somewhat ambiguous on the question of negotiations between the warring parties.

The OAU proposal says: "The committee orders the parties in conflict to agree on a ceasefire through negotiations under the auspices of the (OAU) Implementation Committee."

The Polisario also accused the United States of impeding a peaceful settlement by its "direct military intervention" on the side

On Western Sahara peace

of Morocco. "This is a very grave obstacle," Saleck said.

The Polisario said it was going to ask the so-called "Committee of Wisemen" to eliminate "all the obstacles which can stop the free exercise of the people of the Western Sahara for the right of self-determination and independence."

Kenyan Foreign Minister Robert Ouko

opened the meeting, saying the foreign ministers would try and assist the heads of state by clarifying issues, exchanging views ... and receiving reports" from all interested parties. All seven foreign ministers — from Kenya, Nigeria, Sudan, Tanzania, Guinea, Sierra Leone and Mali — attended. Morocco is represented by its secretary of state and cooperation, Tazi Abdelhaq, and the Polisario by its foreign minister, Hakim Ibrahim.

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Existing system is unsatisfactory

India has few telephones per person, not expected to catch up until 1988

By R. J. Venkateswaran

NEW DELHI (PTI) — An Indian citizen will have to wait for another decade in order to be able to get a telephone connection on demand. This conclusion is based on the assumption that the government of India will be able to implement speedily and effectively the recommendations of the high-powered committee on telecommunications, headed by H.C. Sarin, which submitted its report on Dec. 15, 1981.

The committee has suggested that by the end of 1988, telephone connections should be given to anyone who asks for it. But the Union Minister for Communications C. M. Stephen, has said it would need another two to three years to achieve this objective.

Although India has made considerable progress in developing the telephone system in recent years, the existing facilities are far too inadequate to meet the country's needs. At the time of independence, there were 321 exchanges and 86,000 telephones. In the subsequent years there was a rapid increase in the number of exchanges and telephones. In 1979, there were 6,866 exchanges and 2.4 million telephones, compared to 540 and 168,000 respectively in 1951. The number of trunk calls increased from 7.1 million in 1950-51 to 200 million in 1978-79. In the same period, the telephone revenue went up from Rs. 90 million to over Rs. 5,000 million.

However, in terms of ratio to population, India has far fewer telephones as compared to many countries. India is estimated to have about 0.4 telephone for a population of 100 against as many as 50 per 100 in some countries.

According to authoritative sources, the number of telephones in use in the world in 1977 was about 420 million. Of those, the United States had 160 million, Britain 20 million, Japan 40.8 million and West Germany 20.2 million.

In some developing countries the number of telephones in use in 1977 was: India 2.9 million, Indonesia 347,000, South Korea 1.9 million, Pakistan 259,000 and Bangladesh 98,000. It is clear, therefore, that India has a long way to go before it can catch up with the telephone facilities available in the advanced countries.

But what is of more immediate concern to the Indian citizen is the unsatisfactory working of the telephones in most cities. Many factors are responsible for this situation, such as poor maintenance, general indifference and inefficiency, and lack of effective coordination between the telephone department and other departments.

For example, in Calcutta there have been bitter and persistent complaints from citizens about the telephone services. The authorities say that their working has been affected severely by extensive and indiscriminate digging operations carried on by various agencies like the Metro Railway, Calcutta Metropolitan Development Authority, the Calcutta Electricity Supply Corporation, and others. The digging damages the cables.

Frequent power cuts also hurt the efficiency of telephones. The exchange equip-

This is not the conventional picture of life in Israel. But Umm el-Fahm is in Israel, just inside the north-east corner of the pre-1948 borders. Its 20,000 citizens have Israeli citizenship — for what it is worth — for they are Israel's second class citizens, the land's original inhabitants, the Palestinian Arabs.

Six hundred thousand Palestinian Arabs live inside Israel, or one in every six Israeli citizens is an Arab. In all the talk of Palestinian autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza, the Palestinians who stayed are often forgotten. From land-owners and agrarian peasants before 1948, they have been transformed

into wage laborers commuting to Israel's big cities, or into landless farm workers.

Today they bravely struggle against considerable odds, against discrimination, poverty, certain hardship and an uncertain future. These ordinary people have no alternative but to make life continue as best they can, in a struggle beyond hate and revenge.

A remarkable new British film portrays this daily experience of the Palestinian people inside Israel. *On Our Land* by Antonia Gaccia lets these village men and women speak openly for themselves. Their collective tale is at times harrowing and fiercely challenging, but it reflects an indestructible strength and dignity, and often real generosity of spirit.

"We are not Bulgarians or Poles, nor British, nor Germans", laughs a happy bedouin man seated under a tree in the Negev desert. "We are Palestinians!"

Another young man has diligently (and illegally) planted a stony hilltop with olive trees. His own fertile land in the valley was expropriated by the Israeli government for a new settlement. "This cannot last forever", he smiles. "Hitler tried to take over the whole world and look what happened to him!"

"Do you learn about democracy in school?" the interviewer gently asks a young boy who has just seen his father's land taken away and his family ejected. "Yes", answers the boy, and then pauses, smiling ruefully.

But despite unquestionable courage, how many of these smiles are prompted by the presence of a sympathetic camera? The chance to tell the outside world about the injustice of their lives is too rare for these people.

Financed by the American Palestine Education Fund, the film makes no attempt to give an objective picture of the Palestine question.

Iain Bruce, Producer and co-Director of Octagon Films who made the 55 minute film says, "There is no question that it is a piece of propaganda — and this makes it difficult to sell. But it tells a story that has not been told before and needs to be told."

Nevertheless the film has just been bought by two leading European television channels: Britain's new independent Channel Four which goes on the air in November and the channel two in Paris. Interest has been shown by German and Scandinavian stations and there is just a chance that the New York and Boston Public Broadcasting Authorities may be interested.

A gentle, honest and unassuming film, *On Our Land* deserves the widest possible audience and international consideration of the human injustice it portrays.



AUSTRALIANS IN ANTARCTICA: Two of the world's continents, Australia and Antarctica lie entirely within the Southern Hemisphere and both are linked by a history of more than 80 years of exploration and research. Australia has announced plans to commit \$A58 million to upgrade its research stations in Antarctica.

Seven nations have claims

Australian research in Antarctica to probe climate, weather, oceans

CANBERRA. Australia — Only two of the world's continents lie entirely within the southern hemisphere: Australia and Antarctica, and they are linked by a history of more than 80 years of exploration and research.

This year, 1982, is the centenary of the birth of Douglas Mawson — Australia's foremost Antarctic scientist and explorer — and appropriately the Australian government announced recently plans to commit \$A58 million to upgrade its research stations in Antarctica.

The government also approved increased Australian scientific research involving international co-operation.

Antarctica has an area of 13.5 million sq. kilometers (5.2 million sq miles), in comparison with Australia's area of around one million sq. kilometers (3.08 million sq miles). The Australian Antarctic Territory (AAT) has an area of 6.09 million sq. kilometers (2.35 million sq miles) and comprises three-sevenths of Antarctica.

A frontier of exploration and science, Antarctica provides in many ways as challenging a field as space exploration. This vast region is of interest because of its influence on climate, weather and ocean circulation. It is important in the understanding of the earth, its life, and the universe. The Antarctic has untapped resources — minerals and ocean life being among the most important.

Australia's involvement in Antarctic exploration and discovery dates back to 1899, with the visit of physicist Louis Bernacchi as a member of the British Antarctic Expedition. Sir Douglas Mawson, who was born on May 5, 1882, participated in Sir Ernest Shackleton's expedition in 1907-09 and reached the south magnetic pole on that journey. He led the 1911-12 Australian Antarctic Expedition, surviving alone in the icy desert for 10 days, almost without food, after his two companions perished.

Mawson laid the foundations for the Australian institutions which today carry on his work — the Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions (ANARE) established in 1947 and the Antarctic Division, created in 1948 and now part of the Department of Science and Technology.

In 1954 a scientific station was established in Mac Robertson Land, and named after Sir Douglas Mawson. Three years later, a second station was established on the edge of the ice-free Vestfold Hills, 650 km (403 miles) east of Mawson. It was named after John King Davis, who had captained expedition ships.

Australia took over control of Wilkes station — built by a United States expedition, two years earlier — in 1959 and the Antarctic Division operated it for 10 years until it was inundated by snow and replaced by Casey Station about 2 km away.

Australia now maintains these three stations on the Antarctic continent and one on sub-Antarctic Macquarie Island.

The stations serve as stepping-off points

from which to explore the interior, and enable the collection of scientific data.

Since the earliest days of exploration in Antarctica the difficulties of the environment have helped create an atmosphere of co-operation and mutual assistance among expeditions of various nations.

By the mid 1950s only four nations, including Australia, had permanent stations in Antarctica, although expeditions from many countries had operated on the continent for periods of one to two years at a time. As a consequence of their activity in the region, seven nations made claim to territory in Antarctica: Argentina, Australia, Britain, Chile, France, New Zealand and Norway.

When the International Geophysical Year (IGY) was organized to obtain simultaneous world-wide observations of many phenomena during a period of maximum solar activity in 1957-58, 12 nations decided to establish or expand stations in Antarctica.

During the IGY, outstanding co-operation developed between these nations working in Antarctica. They decided to continue scientific studies there and discussions resulted in the Antarctic Treaty to guide activities.

The treaty applies to the area south of latitude 60° South and

* makes Antarctica a non-militarized zone;

* allows for freedom of access to all parts of the continent and inspection of a nation's stations and equipment by other nations;

* freezes territorial claims for the duration of the treaty;

* bars nuclear explosions and the storage of radioactive waste;

* encourages the exchange of personnel and scientific data between expeditions; and

* sets up a structure for consultation on problems.

After 1990 the treaty may be reviewed by any contracting party so requests. As a result of the treaty, scientists and observers from Argentina, France, India, Japan, New Zealand, the Soviet Union, the United States and China have taken part in Australian expeditions, while Australians have accompanied Argentinian, British, French, Japanese, New Zealand, American and Soviet expeditions.

Since the IGY the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR), a non-governmental association of scientific academics, has maintained an interest in scientific activity in Antarctica. Each nation engaged in a particular field of Antarctica research may be represented by an expert in that field.

The Biological Investigation of Marine Antarctic Systems and Stocks (BIOMASS) research program is a major international initiative by SCAR. BIOMASS is a 10-year program which started in the 1980/81 Australian summer with a multi-sensor acoustic survey of krill, to build up a quantitative model of the ecosystem. Krill was chosen because of its central position in the Antarctic marine food web, and its economic potential as a possible human food source.

Scientists in Australia's Antarctic Division participated in the first BIOMASS experiment.

Australian scientists and diplomats played a leading role in the development of the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources and on May 5, 1981, Australia became the first of the 15 signatories to ratify the agreement.

The final conference had been held in Canberra in May 1980, when the signatories gave their agreement to the convention. The 15 were: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, France, Federal Republic of Germany, German Democratic Republic, Japan, Norway, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa, Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States.

The convention establishes clear principles of conservation which apply to all harvesting in the region and sets up a permanent International Commission and scientific committee to implement those principles.

At the final conference it was decided that the commission should have permanent headquarters in Hobart, Tasmania. This will be the first international organization to be based in Australia.

The convention is expected to come into force early in 1982 and the commission will hold its first meeting in Hobart in May or June.

The present lack of detailed knowledge of the biology of Southern Ocean living resources is the major stumbling block to a soundly based conservation strategy. The convention and the commission will give a focus for international work.

The Antarctic whaling grounds largely coincide with krill swarming areas, krill being the main food resource of the baleen whales. Five nations whale in the Southern Ocean: Brazil, Chile and Peru from shore stations, and Japan and the Soviet Union from factory ships.

The International Whaling Commission (IWC) is responsible for determining total whale catches, based on biological assessments of sustainable yields. For the 1980/81 whaling season the commission banned factory ships whaling in the Southern Ocean, other than for Minke whales, and set catch quotas.

The Australian Foreign Affairs Record has set out Australia's official policy interests as follows:

* to preserve sovereignty over the Australian Antarctic Territory;

* to maintain the area as a region free from strategic or political confrontation;

* to provide adequate protection for the Antarctic environment;

* to be fully informed and consulted about developments in a region close to Australia; and

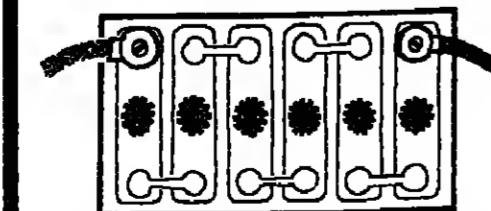
* to solve problems of resource exploration and exploitation within the Antarctic Treaty.

The recent history of Antarctica has been one of international co-operation and peace. Australia looks forward to the future of Antarctica on the same basis. (Australian Information Service) 1

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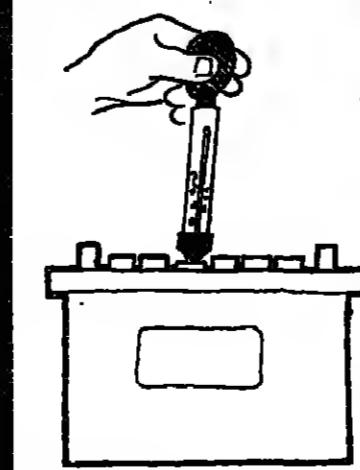
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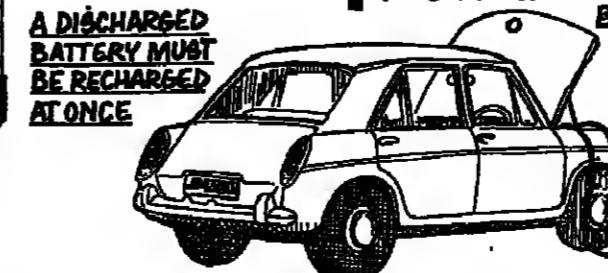
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With show of party unity

Schmidt determined to follow fiscal plan

BONN, Feb. 6 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said Friday night he trusted his victory in a parliamentary confidence vote would make his leftist-liberal coalition work better together.

The chancellor was asked on television if he felt he was a victor after hauling all 269 coalition deputies behind the confidence vote, only the second in the nation's history. "Victor is putting it a bit strongly, but I am very satisfied over this unanimous vote of confidence from all members of the two coalition parties," he said.

Schmidt said he had asked a confidence vote because a clear signal was needed that

the government was resolved to pursue its economic and foreign policies. He said publicly aired differences within his coalition over economic policies and speculation about Bonn's stance toward Moscow and its allies had led at times to a lack of "necessary clarity."

The confidence vote, the chancellor said, had reminded the ruling parties — in power since 1969 — that their internal and mutual arguments were dangerous.

"I reckon this will be an encouragement for all of us — not excluding me — to cooperate more with each other," he added. The chancellor said he did not expect to resort more often to the confidence vote, adopted before only in 1972 when his predecessor Willy Brandt used it to force premature elections.

The Bundestag (lower house) press office twice amended the total of conservative opposition votes against the chancellor, finally bringing the figure down from 226 to 224 "no" votes. This gave Schmidt a majority of 45 in a poll he was bound to win when both coalition parties pledged their unanimous support two days in advance.

The chancellor was applauded by his Social Democratic Party (SPD) and received a bouquet from the party's floor leader when the speaker declared the result. But many political commentators said the show of unity did not mean differences in the coalition between the SPD and the Free Democratic Party (FDP) — had been dispelled.

Friday's debate was preceded by weeks of wrangling over a job creation program, an issue on which the chancellor threatened last week to resign.

Wignall said he was very happy to let the prince watch the film.

Charles to see film on Scottish monsters

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP) — Prince Charles has asked to see a film that is claimed by its cameraman to prove conclusively there are monsters in the murky lake waters of Scotland.

Marine archeologist Sydney Wignall of Colwyn, North Wales, last year made a film of a two-humped creature in Loch Morar, close to Loch Ness where the legendary Loch Ness monster "Nessie" is said to live. Wignall said Friday he has received a letter from Buckingham Palace saying Charles, a keen amateur diver and president of the British Sub-Aqua Club, would like a private viewing of the film, having read about the expedition.

Wignall said he was very happy to let the prince watch the film.

In Indian Ocean

Soviets strengthen naval fleet

NEW DELHI, Feb. 6 (AP) — The Soviet Union is now able to deploy as many warships in the Indian Ocean as the American Navy, but the Americans still have the largest fleet in the ocean, Indian strategists said.

The planning and strategy officers were speaking at a briefing Friday of the Consultative Committee of the External Affairs Ministry, on the growing militarization of the Indian Ocean. Moscow now kept more ships in the area — 34 to 36 — than ever before, though the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) navies currently deployed more warships there, the officers said.

The committee said the Soviet Union had established an unprecedented ascendancy of a naval power over the past 20 years. The committee also noted the helplessness of the United Nations, which had found its resolution on the Indian Ocean ignored by the superpowers, and that others such as Britain and France were joining the race as well.

Soviet ships in the area, the fifth opera-

tional squadron of the Soviet Pacific Fleet, include seven Kresta Class cruisers, one or two Kortin Guevpr destroyers and several nuclear-powered submarines equipped with guided missiles.

There are also three or four Krivak Class guided missiles frigates, several minesweepers and amphibious landing craft, and 15 to 20 oil supply and maintenance ships and other auxiliaries. The small aircraft carrier *Minsk*, which is part of the Pacific Fleet, occasionally sails into the Indian Ocean with its support ships, the report added.

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From these two bases, the Soviet Navy could control two vital points — the Strait of Hormuz entrance to the Gulf and the Bab El Mandeb entrance to the Red Sea.

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Carter order modified

U.S. drafts public secrecy plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP) — The Reagan administration has submitted to Congress a plan to let U.S. government officials invoke national security more easily in keeping information from the public, a shift that would reverse a 25-year trend toward increased government openness.

The proposal, which President Ronald Reagan can implement on his own authority, would require that United States government officials classify documents as secret even "if there is reasonable doubt... about the need to classify information." The proposed presi-

dential order, obtained by the Associated Press Friday, would drop President Jimmy Carter's requirement that government secrecy be balanced against the public's right to know. Carter's order also insisted that information be reviewed after six years with an eye toward releasing it.

The draft that the administration has sent to Congress states simply that "information shall be classified as long as required by national security considerations." The administration, however, dropped phrasing contained in an earlier draft to the order.

Haig to address

Madrid talks resume today

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig leaves Sunday for Madrid where he will lead a new round of Western denunciations of the Soviet Union and Poland for the martial law crackdown in Poland.

However, several fireworks are more likely than action, Max Kampelman, the chief U.S. delegate to the European security conference, said Saturday. The 35-nation conference resumes Tuesday following a recess, and Haig will deliver an address. "The West intends to use the Madrid meeting as a forum to express our sense of indignation at events in Poland," Kampelman told reporters.

The Soviet Union is also attending the conference and is expected to oppose having the Polish issue raised and certainly wouldn't allow itself to be condemned. All decisions have to be taken by unanimous consent of the participating nations. Poland and other east European countries are attending the meet-

ing too, as are the United States' NATO allies.

The expectation here, judging from both public and private comments of some U.S. officials, is that the United States and its allies may walk out of the conference at the end of the week to protest events in Poland. However, a senior State Department official declined to comment on the plan of action, although he said he wouldn't rule anything out.

Following three days in Spain primarily devoted to events in Poland, Haig will make overnight stops in Lisbon Wednesday, Morocco Thursday and Bucharest Friday. He will return to Washington Saturday.

He is expected to use his stop in Bucharest to voice additional criticism of the Soviets, anticipating it will embarrass Moscow because he will be speaking from an East European country. Haig was invited by President Nicolae Ceausescu of Romania which has been only loosely in the Soviet orbit in recent years.

A major topic during Haig's visit to Bucharest will be the difficulty Romania is facing in repaying its \$11.4 billion in outstanding debts to European and American banks. Bucharest wants more time to repay, and the banks are looking to Washington and other Western capitals for guidance.

Since Haig is going to Bucharest, it seems likely Washington has decided to favor leniency on the debts. Portugal was added to Haig's itinerary because of its proximity to Spain and because it is a member of NATO.

Spain is in the application stage for NATO membership, but hasn't yet been admitted.

In Morocco, Haig will discuss with King Hassan his request for more U.S. military assistance to help in its decade-long war with Polisario fighters in the Western Sahara. The European security conference in Madrid is a monitoring body for the 1975 Helsinki final act, the 35-nation pact that was supposed to guarantee human rights and respect for national sovereignty in Europe.

French helicopter flies Chinese colors

PEKING, Feb. 6 (AP) — The first French Dauphin 365 N helicopter to fly in Chinese colors took off from Peking airport Saturday for a demonstration flight in the presence of top Chinese officials.

The helicopter was the first of a batch of 50 sold by France under a \$66.6 million contract signed in July, 1980. The contract also, included a license to make 200 Dauphin 365s in China as well as selling the rights to make more than 500 Turbomeca motors.

A French pilot and a Chinese pilot made the demonstration flight, with officials from China's aeronautic machine building, petroleum, geology and defense ministries watching. French industry was represented by National Aerospace Industry Director Roger Chevalier and other officials.

The Dauphin N has a flight range of 900 kms, a top speed of 295 kmh and can fly to a ceiling of 4,500 meters. The helicopter is designed for such offshore missions as searching for oil fields, coast patrols, and rescue and police operations.

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rebel fighters against 100 Thai troops.

MANAGUA (AFP) — Six persons died in a battle between Nicaraguan border guards and some 40 former soldiers of ousted President Anastasio Somoza, in a region bordering Honduras, it was reported here Saturday.

The leak at the Fort Calhoun nuclear power plant near Omaha, Nebraska, forced the evacuation of several workers before it was isolated but posed no health threat, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said.

The leak occurred Wednesday, but the Omaha public power district, owner of the plant, said it did not think it necessary to alert reporters quickly because the release was so minor.

On Thursday, radioactive sludge sloshed from a holding tank into the ventilation system of Nine-Mile Point reactor building near Oswego, New York, contaminating three Niagara Monopower Corp. employees.

The employees were not injured, officials said. Cleanup began Friday and was expected to last through the weekend, said J. Edward Kaish, the Syracuse-based company's public relations director. It was the second accident at a New York state nuclear power plant in two weeks. A tube ruptured in the plant, about 60 miles west of Oswego, on Jan. 25, releasing puffs of radioactive steam. Kaish said the Nine-Mile Point incident was confined to the reactor building.

Authorities said readings of the release into the atmosphere in Nebraska was "far less" than the amount of radiation vented in scheduled routine releases.

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Facing decline in prices

OPEC chief hints at holding special talks

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP) — Mano Said Al-Oteiba, president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, said Friday he was considering calling members together to review price and production.

Speaking in London, Oteiba indicated that because of over-production OPEC nations may be forced to make adjustments in their prices and output, but said the group's \$34 price for the benchmark Saudi light crude oil, around which prices of other OPEC oils are based, would stay unchanged.

"We have to try to balance the market," said Oteiba, who is also oil minister of the United Arab Emirates. "There is a possibility that we might get together before our (regular) summit meeting."

Meanwhile, the Kuwait news agency quoted oil sources as saying Iran an OPEC country, is cutting 65 cents from its prices, hitherto \$34.20 and \$32.30 a barrel, and removing premiums on delayed payments, for an effective one-dollar overall reduction.

London industry source said the British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) has proposed to companies operating in the North Sea that prices on all British grades should come down by \$1.50 within a few days — probably from Monday.

The British government, however, hungry for revenue to finance dole money to over three million unemployed, has pressed the BNOC not to let North Sea oil prices drop too far. Revenue-hungry OPEC producers will be dismayed by the British price cut, stock-

Care aids 38 poor states

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (AP) — Care says it provided \$25.7 million in goods and services in 38 developing countries in the fiscal year ending June 30, an increase of nearly \$70 million over the previous year.

Care executive director Philip Johnston said in the organization's annual report released Friday that for every dollar donated to Care, the agency provided \$8.33 in aid because of combining grants from the United States and other governments, goods donated by private companies and assistance from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

He added that out of each dollar of support, 96 cents goes to aid, with one penny used for administration and three cents for fund-raising. Care said the figures for fiscal 1981 do not include a program of emergency food distribution in Poland started soon after the fiscal year ended.

Broker analysts said.

The most vulnerable OPEC members are the African producers of light crudes similar to those in the North Sea — Algeria, Libya and Nigeria. The British will be undercutting them by \$1.50 to \$2 a barrel. Algeria and Libya have been struggling to sell at \$37 a barrel, and were forced to cut production drastically. However, after price cuts, Nigeria managed to restore output to an acceptable 1.9 million barrels daily.

Britain producing about the same, does not have much spare capacity, its price cut will not mean a surge of extra North Sea oil that would take the OPEC African members' market away from them. But the oil is susceptible to psychological pressures and the British move is likely to cause jitters in OPEC, oil companies executives said.

According to the *Middle East Economic Survey (MEES)*, a well-informed oil newsletter based in Cyprus, OPEC output was down in January to 20.6 million barrels daily, against 1979's peak of nearly 31 million.

Tanker rates plummet to 6-year low

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP) — Against a background of falling crude oil output to match falling demand and a massive oversupply of tonnage, rates eased close to six-year lows on the tanker market this week.

It was estimated that about 35 vessels totaling ten million deadweight tons were currently idling in the Gulf area, and that they would take several months to get orders at current absorption rates.

Another 15 vessels of 3.5 million tons are expected to arrive before the end of this month, without taking account of re-let tonnage.

The London shipbroker E.A. Vibson described the situation as "catastrophic," with rates in many instances not meeting voyage costs of bunkers.

Rates for the very large crude carriers for both eastern and western destinations fell back after last week's modest rally.

Trade out of Indonesia was practically non-existent, while in West Africa it was slow. The Mediterranean remained subdued.

Wall Street

Falling oil prices fail to revive market

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (AP) — Though the recent decline of oil prices has contributed to an easing of that old nemesis, inflation, stock market investors seem to be taking it as a mixed blessing at best.

Worldwide crude oil prices have been dropping intermittently since last fall. Even a nasty winter in much of the United States has done very little to reverse the trend.

In the past couple of weeks alone, crude oil prices are estimated to have fallen about 5 percent, and experts have predicted further declines to come.

Not all those reductions have worked their

Polish debt to cost U.S. \$2b

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP) — Over the next three years the U.S. government may have to pick up nearly \$2 billion in debts owed by Poland to United States banks and guaranteed by the U.S. government, a senior American official has said.

He said Friday that the \$71 million paid out to U.S. banks last week likely is only the beginning. The U.S. liability for potentially bad Polish debt may total between \$500 million and \$700 million in 1982 alone and \$1.9 billion over the next 36 months, the official said at a State Department briefing held under ground rules that he not be identified by name.

However, Marc Leland, assistant secretary

way through to the consumer. Still, moderating energy costs got a good share of the credit for the decrease in the rise of the consumer price index in 1981 to 8.9 percent from the two-digit pace of the two previous years.

The stock market has responded to all this with little enthusiasm, however. In the past week, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials fell 20.07 to 851.03 for its fourth loss in five weeks so far in 1982.

The New York stock exchange composite index dropped 1.60 to 67.79, and the American stock exchange market value index was down 10.15 at 285.15. Big Board Volume

averaged 49.89 million shares a day, against 55.64 million the week before. Analysts say the response to the drop in oil prices has been muted in part by the recession that helped bring it about.

There is another problem too. Energy stocks make up one of the largest sectors of the market, and they have been under a siege of selling for more than a year.

Three of the 30 stocks in the Dow Jones industrial average, for example, are oils, and their poor performance has played a large part in depressing it.

The list of issues hitting 52-week lows in the past week brimmed with big energy names — Exxon, Mobil, California Standard, Indiana Standard and Cities Service among the oils themselves, and oil-service stocks like Halliburton, Smith International and Halliburton Industries.

Last month, William H. Furtib, an analyst at Bear, Stearns and Co. recommended that investors give oil stocks "a major underweighting on a very selective basis in their portfolios." At the same time, the firm dropped both Standard Oil of California and Standard Oil of Indiana from its recommended list.

In addition to flat prices, rising costs and other problems, Furtib cited "the dilemma of how to make money in refining and marketing at a time when demand is falling."

With vital issues unresolved

Suzuki package angers West

TOKYO, Feb. 6 (LOS) — Japan appears more likely to exacerbate than soothe trade frictions with its new package of measures approved at the weekend by Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and his cabinet.

To foreign economists, the measures appeared as cosmetic as the facial creams and lipsticks that presumably will flow into Japan more smoothly than before — if at the same inflated prices. The single most disconcerting aspect of the package, said American and European economic sources, was the self-satisfaction with which the Japanese appeared to view what are clearly relatively minor shifts in an array of rules and regulations generically labeled "non-tariff barriers" to imports.

Seemingly oblivious to the outcries from Japan's trading partners, Suzuki blandly complimented himself and his cabinet on having done "a fairly good job" in instituting 67 of 99 changes demanded by the U.S. and the EEC. "No other countries can do this much," said Suzuki, in what appeared as an ominous portent that Japan would balk at meeting much more pressing demands from abroad.

By ironic timing, Japan's tough new position emerged just as the government revealed its trade surplus for 1981 had increased 10

times from 1980 to more than \$20 billion — a figure that foreign economists said was below a "real" surplus of close to \$25 billion.

Indeed, the only realistic recognition of the bitter protests confronting Japan was International Trade Minister Shintaro Abe's admission that he did not think the solution of the problems of non-tariff barriers is enough to resolve our trade friction.

Abe promised to study demands by the U.S. and the EEC for the removal of 27 other non-tariff barriers, mainly designed to stanch the import of food and food additives, but a senior Foreign Ministry official clearly thought the government had done enough. "This is a serious elaborate, almost unprecedented report," said Hiromu Fukuda, head of the Foreign Ministry's Economic Affairs Bureau.

Assuming the intricate Japanese bureaucracy puts the new measures into effect "within a month," as promised by Masumi Esaki, chairman of the special party committee that drew up the program, foreign businessmen will no longer have to deal with niggling customs inspections designed to delay items already theoretically approved for sale on the Japanese market.

Nor will foreign manufacturers have to await the results of protracted tests on products already found suitable in similar tests abroad. The rules would even snap away the red tape blocking the import of cosmetics when marketed under new brand names — or with slightly different changes in packaging and content. Reluctant bureaucrats would also have to accept foreign tests on chemical and electrical appliances as well as motor vehicles. The examination for foreign cars would be shortened, and exhaust emission requirements eased.

The power of domestic interests was manifested, though, in the government's refusal to change rules for labeling food products such as dried beef or doing away with the quarantine on fresh fruits from a wide range of countries.

Regardless of what happens to the trade barriers, even greater problems remain. The EEC's director-general for external affairs, Sir Roy Denman, remarked almost plaintively last week that he had "no progress" to report in efforts to persuade Japan to liberalize requirements for foreign banks and investment, and had received only the vaguest assurances from Japanese officials of "utmost efforts" to induce Japanese manufacturers to moderate exports.

Tokyo share prices sag

TOKYO, Feb. 6 (AP) — Share prices sagged on the Tokyo stock exchange Saturday under heavy blue chip selling.

Market analysts said investors damped quality issues for margin trading settlements. The blue chips were bought in bulk on credit last August with settlement due in six months.

McDonnell, Fokker drop plane project

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 6 (R) — Dutch aircraft manufacturer Fokker and McDonnell Douglas of the United States have canceled plans to develop a new 150-seat airliner because of a "lack of orders."

Cancellation of the MDF-100 airliner, planned as the first of a new generation of medium-sized airliners, was another sign of the growing problems faced by the aviation industry on the day when Britain's Laker Airways announced it was bankrupt.

In a joint statement Fokker and McDonnell Douglas said Friday they canceling development because of the present condition of the worldwide commercial aircraft market. A Fokker spokesman said not enough advance orders had been received to justify continuation of the project.

"We needed at least 50 to 100 orders from major airlines before we could go ahead with the launch, but in fact we only received indications of about 20 orders from minor airlines," he told Reuters. He said rivals for the 150-seater market were also likely to meet problems trying to sell to airlines plagued by recession.

Airbus Industrie of France and the U.S. Boeing Corporation are both developing rival aircraft.

Fokker, whose name was made legend by the "Red Baron" German fighter ace over 60 years ago, was promised a total of 1.7 billion guilders (\$660 million) from the Dutch government in cash backing for its share of the project.

Taipei sets \$50b export target

TAIPEI, Feb. 6 (CNA) — As the international economy is expected to recover slowly this year, the foreign trade of this nation may pick up gradually, the Council for Economic Planning and Development has said.

The whole year's export of products is expected to reach \$50 billion, a growth of 16 percent compared with last year, the CEPD said.

According to the CEPD forecast, the world economy this year is much better than last year. World trade volume will also maintain a stable expansion trend and the external trade of the nation will continue to grow.

Commodity exports for 1982 are expected to reach \$25.561 billion and the whole year's commodity imports, \$24.631 billion, leaving a favorable balance of \$930 million.

The CEPD also estimates that the whole year two-way trade in both commodities and services will reach \$55.457 billion, a growth of 13.9 percent compared with last year. The favorable balance is expected to reach \$413 million.

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Although Saudi Arabia continues to be the largest single market for U.S. goods and services in the Middle East, trade between the two countries stagnated last year and is unlikely to be any different in 1982. Page 24

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Finance ministers of the six countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council met in Riyadh last week and agreed on a \$3 billion fund to invest in developing countries. Profits will be plowed back into heavy industry projects at home. Page 14

The Yathrib chicken farm north of Jeddah will begin production later this year at the rate of 4.5 million chickens a year using state of the art equipment. The chickens will be slaughtered according to Islamic law and fit to meet European standards. Page 39

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IATA members lose \$1.4b

Laker fall mirrors airlines' fate

LONDON, Feb. 6, (R) — The collapse of Laker Airways underlined the vulnerability of well-known names in the glamor industry that has run into tough times. Last year, the airlines lost \$1.4 billion, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) has reported.

It was caused by the privately-owned airline's heavy debts and, ironically, due to the cut-price competition on the transatlantic routes that Sir Freddie Laker helped bring about.

On the one hand there was sympathy for the collapse of a colorful colleague and of Sir Freddie's dream of establishing a Skytrain service that would girdle the world.

But many other companies, whether state or privately owned, also are struggling to restore profitability as the air industry battles the combined effects of the world's business recession, high fuel bills and high interest rates.

Laker's demise removes from the over-crowded transatlantic run an airline which last year carried 800,000 passengers to and from the United States and a similar number this year will transfer to other airlines, helping to reduce the over-capacity that was equal to 56 empty Jumbo jets every day last October.

When Sir Freddie began his long fight more than 10 years ago to introduce cheap

Britain to lend Jakarta \$237m

HONG KONG, Feb. 6 (AP-DJ) — Permina, Indonesia's state oil company has agreed to terms for British export credits totaling \$237.9 million, Lloyds Bank International announced, the *Asian Wall Street* journal reports.

Lloyds said that it will provide all the funds itself and that the money will help finance expansion of the oil refinery at Balikpapan, in Kalimantan, the expansion, which Lloyds said will cost about \$1 billion, is meant to reduce Indonesia's heavy dependence on foreign countries for refined oil.

The export credits are to finance equipment to be imported by Bechtel Great Britain Ltd. and other British suppliers, Lloyds said. Bechtel Great Britain, a subsidiary of the Bechtel group of the U.S., is serving as overall engineering contractor for the expansion.

The export credits will come in two parts, one of as much as \$130 million and the other of as much as \$8 million pounds (\$107.9 million). The actual amounts of money provided will depend on specific equipment deliveries.

As is usual with British export credits, the money will be provided by a private bank at a below-market interest rate subsidized by the export credits guarantee department of Britain's finance ministry. In this case, Bechtel, the contractor, chose to work through Lloyds. Lloyds said Indonesia had requested that it provide all the funds itself rather than ask other banks to help provide the money.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tenders No.	Tender Price (\$R)	Closing Date
Southern Province Health Dept.	Construction of three clinics	—	300	9-2-82
Makkah Municipality	Feeding of graveyards	—	1,500	15-2-82
Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones	Construction of Medina's telex center	20/401/ 402	5,000	17-2-82

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5.	Oriant Pina	O.C.E.	Barley	27.1.82
6.	Aspasia M	A.A.	Barley	29.1.82
7.	Yenni D	A.A.	Barley	30.1.82
8.	Kota Malati	O.C.E.	Textile/Gan/Durra	1.2.82
9.	Bora II	O.C.E.	Stl/Gen/Contrs.	23.2.82
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11.	Sharp Island	Seite	Gan/Cont.	1.2.82
13.	Defiant	Ori	Stal	5.2.82
14.	Maldiva Privilega	UEP	Rice/Gen./Fruits	3.2.82
15.	Robin Hood	Ori	General	5.2.82
16.	Meghna	Ori	General	5.2.82
18.	Chang Du	Ori	General	5.2.82
19.	Chang Du	Gulf	Steel Bars	25.1.82
22.	Koal Maru	Gosaibi	Bagged Barley	25.1.82
26.	Ayesha	Barber	Containers	5.2.82
30.	Willina Toyo	Gosaibi	Bagged Barley	1.2.82

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Iran to restart plant parley with Japan

other airlines into deficit last year, believes higher fares are the only answer for many of the world's loss-making airlines whose seats are priced uneconomically.

Roy Watts, chief of state-owned British Airways, said last November that there was a clear distinction between healthy competition and cut-throat rivalry for a stagnant market with prices being slashed for short-term advantage regardless of consequences.

British Airways fought against allowing Laker's Skytrains on the north Atlantic, but Watts was probably aiming his November blast at Pan American World Airways, which had slashed its fares in an effort to get a bigger market share.

The official Iranian news agency Iran said Saturday Iran was prepared to pay \$55 million to its Japanese partner by the end of this week. Work on the plant which is 85 percent complete, stopped during the 1979 revolution. It resumed a year later, but again stopped as a result of the war between Iran and Iraq which started Sept. 22, 1980.

The plant has been damaged five times in Iraqi air raids, the last time in October. Iran has expressed concern over the well-being of its staff in the southern Iranian port city and this is believed to be the major obstacle in the way of a resumption of work on the plant.

Portillo rebuts plan's criticism

MEXICO, Feb. 6 (AP) — President J. Lopez Portillo rejected criticism that the nation's oil-propelled planned economic growth has benefited only the upper classes.

"The redistribution of income is not a matter of going out into the streets with a sack of money and dividing it among the people," he told a constitutional meeting of top government officials here Friday. "The redistribution of income is complying with the proposals programmed in the sectors of social development."

Lopez Portillo, who completes a six-year term in office this year, said education, health, communications and nutrition are among the areas in which his administration has made progress. He said the two main priorities of his government — food supply and energy — have been fulfilled.

"We have had the good fortune of having good harvests in 1980 and 1981 — there are food reserves as never before for the people," Lopez Portillo said. "We can be calm, because granaries and warehouses — insufficient to be sure — are full and even overflow. That is one of the problems of our success."

Committee sources said this meant that UNCTAD, which until now has focused on buffer stock agreements to stabilize world commodity prices would keep up its pressure for a greater Third World share of processing and marketing business.

Most Western delegations questioned the accuracy of these findings, saying they over-

Mauroy to defend takeover program

its position on monetary questions, industry, and investment from abroad.

Mauroy, who opens the seminar Monday with a 60-minute address, will be seconded by Economy Minister Jacques Delors, Minister for External Trade Michel Jobert, Minister of Industry Pierre Dreyfus, Budget Minister Laurent Fabius, Planning Minister Michel Rocard, and Minister for National Solidarity Nicole Quesiau.

Other speakers include Jacques Attali, adviser to French President Francois Mitterrand, the president of the Sony Electronics Corporation of Japan, Akio Morita; and Jacques Deflasioux, the new president of Credit Lyonnais, one of France's major nationalized banks.

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She has denied owing the tax, on the

Shanghai bid to woo foreign capital

SHANGHAI, Feb. 6 (R) — Shanghai, China's economic powerhouse, has two major projects hard as part of a quest for more foreign investment and hard currency.

A 400-acre site is being prepared at a satellite town called Minhang, 25 kms southwest of the city, where about 100 factories specializing in light industrial goods for export will be built. The plan is that foreign concerns will be involved in all of them.

Nearer the city, out far from the airport, a foreign trade center is being designed, containing hotels, an exhibition hall, office space and living quarters for foreign businessmen. The two projects were outlined by Ding Chen, a Harvard-trained economist, one of a new breed of technocrats who have risen to prominence since the death of Mao Tse-tung and the dismantling of many of his leftist policies.

Dr. Ding, secretary-general of the Shanghai Federation of Industry and Commerce, said the Minhang zone would offer a variety of incentives to lure foreign investors. The incentives had not been decided, but he said

BRIEFS

BRUSSELS, (AP-DJ) — The European Economic community (EEC) commission has imposed a provisional anti-dumping duty on certain Romanian steel products, a spokesman has said. The commission imposed an anti-dumping duty of 25 percent on welded steel tubes from Romania. The duty followed a commission investigation, which showed that West Germany was the main country to be affected by the imports.

MOSCOW, (AP-DJ) — In a new appeal to U.S. President Ronald Reagan, Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev has urged "patient, constructive talks" to limit the growth of nuclear weapons. He also rejected Washington's decision to link the resumption of Soviet-U.S. strategic arms limitation talks with other aspects of international relations, saying "diplomacy requires de-escalation and not linkages."

DENVER, (AP-DJ) — Frederick C. Hamilton chairman of Hamilton Brothers Petroleum Corp. said the company has decided not to pursue the restructuring proposal which was initiated in September of last year. The objectives of the proposed restructuring were to sell the company's interest in producing properties and distribute to shareholders the proceeds of the sale remaining after payment of certain indebtedness.

LOS ANGELES, (AP-DJ) — Whittaker Corp. said Federal Court in Chicago has denied the motion of Brunswick Corp. to extend the probation date and withdrawal date set in Whittaker's tender offer for Brunswick common stock and 10 percent convertible subordinated debentures due 2006.

WASHINGTON (AP-DJ) — A Federal Trade Commission judge has dismissed charges that General Foods Corp. used unfair methods of competition and tried to monopolize the coffee market in the Northeast through its Maxwell House subsidiary.

Riyal rates remain stable

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 6 — The American dollar closed stronger in the New York bourses Friday night, spurred on by a disappointingly lower than expected weekly money supply figures, and a drop in U.S. unemployment for the month of January. Federal Reserve "Fed funds" rates also remained flat, with rates closing at around 15 7/16 percent. Eurodollar deposit rates also firm but they closed the week at levels reached last Monday and Tuesday. In the bullion markets, gold fluctuated within a narrow band to close at \$384.50 per ounce while silver was much firmer at \$8.61.

In the local financial markets, riyal deposit levels opened fairly steady at Thursday closing rates and Saturday saw riyal deposit levels remain unchanged. There was a brief flurry of deals on the exchange markets but these soon petered out by mid-day with rates remaining at 3.4200-10 for most of the day.

In New York, while the money markets had been expecting a fall in the weekly money supply of around \$5 billion, the released figures showed a fall of only \$1.4 billion in the M1 measurement — the U.S. Federal Reserve Board having abolished the distinction between the M1A and M1B measurements. What cheered the market more however, and gave a boost to U.S. interest rates was the news of a fall in U.S. interest rates from December's 8.8 percent to January's 8.5 percent — the first such fall since last July. The money markets concluded that an economic upswing was just round the corner and that U.S. interest rates would begin to rise again independently of the budget deficit needs of the government.

U.S. sending farm task force to Peru

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan has announced the sending of a farm task force to Peru — the first of a series to poor countries all over the world, with the goal of improving crops and the way they are sold.

The group will be headed by Clayton Yeutter, president of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and a former assistant secretary of agriculture. He and a group of seven or eight will leave end of March for a two-week trip.

"This is an altruistic contribution to the Third World," he told reporters Friday after seeing the president. "There is no short-term benefit for the United States."

He said the Reagan administration would like to have some "input" into the farm policies of poor countries. Many of their governments, he said, intrude heavily into food production and sales, often to the detriment of both.

Peter McPherson, administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, said talks are going on with other countries for the sending of similar factors. His office said Reagan, who launched the idea at the Cancun conference of rich and poor countries last

Christina faces \$45m tax demand

ATHENS

Southampton downs City to stay on top

LONDON, Feb. 6 (R) — Southampton stayed narrowly ahead in th battle for the English First Division Soccer title when they beat close rivals Manchester City 2-1 Saturday.

But the leaders are under pressure from Manchester United, who toppled champions Aston Villa 4-1, while Liverpool moved firmly into contention crushing Ipswich 4-0. Southampton, top of the Division for the first time, went ahead through Graham Baker after an hour. Bobby McDonald struck City's equalizer in the 74th minute but Mike Channon grabbed the winner within 60 seconds.

Manchester United came from behind to triumph over a Villa side languishing in the lower half of the 22-team division. David Giddis put the champions ahead after 20 minutes, but Kevin Moran equalized just before halftime and second-half goals by Bryan Robson, Steve Cappell and Moran again swept United to victory. Southampton have 43 points and second-placed United 42, both from 23 games, with Liverpool now third on 39 after 22 matches.

Ipswich, beaten 2-0 by Liverpool in the first-leg of the League Cup semifinal Tuesday, were rocked when Terry McDermott and Ian Rush each netted within three minutes early in the first-half. Scottish international Kenny Dalglish added a third just before the interval and Ronny Whelan completed the rout with another goal soon afterwards.

Tottenham took pride of place among the day's high scorers by thrashing struggling Wolverhampton 6-1. Arguably Ricky Villa,

the two-goal hero of Tottenham's F.A. Cup final win over Manchester City last year, was again in superb form with three goals. Swansea renewed its fading title challenge when Leighton James scored the decider in its 1-0 win over Notts County.

Arsenal were involved in a goalless draw with Sunderland, while Brighton, eighth, were given a boost in their mid-table clash with Everton when Tony Grealish put them ahead after nine minutes. But Brighton clinched success when Gerry Ryan and Steve Foster both scored within five minutes midway through the second-half.

Soccer results

English Division One		Division Two		Division Three		Scottish Premier Division	
Birmingham	1	Middlesbrough	1	Burnley	4	Bristol Rovers	1
Brighton	3	Everton	1	Cester	0	Gillingham	1
Leeds	0	Coventry	1	Chesterfield	1	Watford	0
Liverpool	4	Ipwich	0	Exeter	2	Doncaster	1
Manchester United	4	Aston Villa	1	Lincoln	1	Plymouth	2
North County	0	Swansea	1	Oxford	1	Newport	0
Southampton	2	Manchester City	1	Preston	0	Swindon	0
Stoke	2	West Ham	1	Reading	4	Millwall	0
Sunderland	0	Arsenal	0	Southend	1	Carlisle	1
Tottenham	6	Wolverhampton	0	Wimbledon	2	Huddersfield	0
West Bromwich	2	Nottingham Forest	1	Division Four	1	Division Five	1
Bolton	2	Barnsley	0	Colchester	5	Shrewsbury United	2
Cambridge	1	Newcastle	0	Darlington	0	Bromborough	2
Cardiff	1	Rotherham	2	Halifax	2	Aldershot	2
Charlton	2	Crystal Palace	1	Hereford	1	Trunmere	0
Leicester	2	Derby	1	Manfield	1	Northampton	1
Norwich	4	Wrexham	0	Rochdale	1	Pon Vale	3
Orient	0	Blackburn	0	Scunthorpe	0	Peterborough	1
O.P. Rangers	0	Grimbsy	0	Stockport	2	Torquay	2
Sheffield Wednesday	3	Luton	3	Wigan	1	Bury	1
Shrewsbury	1	Q. of O.	1	York	0	Hartlepool	1
Watford	1	Chelsea	0	Aberdeen	0	Bradford	3
Brentford	2	Portsmouth	2	Hibernian	1	Merton	0
Bristol City	0	Fulham	2	Partick	0	Celtic	1



Leighton James...keeps Swansea in the hunt

With surprise victory over Spurs

Kings snap eight-game losing run

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (AP) — How heavy is the burden of an eight-game losing streak? To Kansas City Kings coach Cotton Fitzsimmons, it's worse than having the proverbial monkey on your back.

"It's good to get that gorilla off your back. Some think it's a monkey, but losing eight in-a-row, isn't a monkey. It's a gorilla, and he was heavy," Fitzsimmons said after the Kings defeated the Midwest Division-leading San Antonio Spurs 109-102 in a National Basketball Association game Friday night. Cliff Robinson — with 32 points, 19 rebounds and four blocked shots — was the No. 1 gorilla fighter for the Kings.

In other NBA games, it was Boston 145, Denver 144; Philadelphia 116, New Jersey 112; Los Angeles 90, Washington 87; Detroit 110, Chicago 103; Milwaukee 117, Dallas 92; Houston 106, Phoenix 104; Portland 121, Utah 100; New York 90, San Diego 85, and Seattle 108, Golden State 99.

Robinson, a forward, led Kansas City to a 59-43 rebounding edge over the spurs. Robinson got 22 points in the first-half as the Kings took a 60-50 lead at half-time and increased their edge to as much as 17 in the third period. The Spurs narrowed the advantage to two points four times in the final six minutes, but could never pull even. George Gervin, the NBA's leading scorer, led San Antonio with 25 points. Rookie forward Gene Banks added 22 for the Spurs. Mike Woodson had 21 for the Kings.

Rockets 106, Suns 104: Moses Malone continued his torrid scoring streak with 45 points as Houston handed Phoenix its fifth straight loss. Malone, who scored 53 points in a victory over San Diego earlier in the week,

scored the Rockets' final points with a basket at the 1:04 mark for a 106-102 lead.

After Dennis Johnson cut the lead to two with two free throws, the Suns got the ball back with seven seconds to go. But Malone collected his 20th rebound of the night after a missed shot by Walter Davis. Johnson and Alvan Adams both scored 27 points for the Suns.

Celtics 145, Nuggets 144: Boston blew a 50-27 first-quarter lead before beating Denver on a foul-line jumper with two seconds left by Robert Parish, who scored 33 points. The Nuggets took their first lead of the game at 128-127 with 6:56 left, but Larry Bird, who led the Celtics with 34 points, hit 10 points in a 14-4 spurt that put Boston ahead 143-138 with 1:28 to go. Then Denver scored the next six points, including a basket at 1:04 left.

Pacers 110, Bullets 87: Los Angeles broke a six-game losing streak on Washington's home court as Norm Nixon and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar led a late 13-2 rally. Abdul-Jabbar scored five points and Nixon four in the spurt that turned a 73-70 deficit into an 83-75 lead for the Lakers with 2:29 remaining. The Bullets, who got 22 points from Kevin Grevey, pulled to within 85-84 before losing. Earvin "Magic" Johnson led the Lakers with 22 points, but he had to leave the game with 4:16 left because of a foot injury.

76ers 116, Nets 112: Andrew Toney scored a season-high 34 points to lead Philadelphia over New Jersey. Buck Williams led the Nets with 22 points and New Jersey center Sam Lacey scored his 10,000th career point with a

basket in the first quarter.

Bucks 117, Mavericks 92: Milwaukee won its fourth straight game as Sidney Moncrief and Brian Winters scored 19 points each against Dallas, which lost its fourth straight. The Bucks hit 17 of 22 field goal tries in the first quarter, taking a 38-23 lead. They never led by less than nine points thereafter.

Pistons 110, Bulls 103: Kelly tripucka scored 14 of his 32 points in the fourth quarter as Detroit rallied from a 72-58 deficit to beat Chicago. Artis Gilmore's three-point play for the Bulls with 1:23 remaining had tied the score 103-103, but the Pistons scored the last seven points, including a 10-footer by Keot Benson that broke the tie.

Knicks 90, Clippers 85: Sly Williams scored 11 of his game-high 21 points in the third quarter to lead New York over San Diego. Williams' outburst helped the Knicks extend a 39-35 half-time lead to 70-56 advantage after three quarters. The Clippers never got closer than three points in the fourth period.

Blazers 121, Jazz 100: Billy Ray Bates scored 29 points, 10 of them in a four-minute span of the second period during which Portland outpointed Utah 16-4. The spurt pushed a 38-35 Trail Blazers' lead to 54-39, and the Jazz never got closer than nine thereafter. Adrian Dantley, the league's No. 2 scorer with 31 points average, and Darrell Griffith led Utah with 16 points apiece.

Supersonics 108, Warriors 99: Jack Sikma scored 30 points and Gus Williams netted 11 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter as Seattle stayed .009 ahead of Los Angeles atop the Pacific Division. Golden State took an 85-81 lead into the fourth period after trailing 23-6 in the first quarter, but the Sonics outscored the Warriors 27-14 in the final 12 minutes.

Enabling Gerulaitis to qualify

McEnroe stops Tanner

TORONTO, Feb. 6 (AP) — John McEnroe, the world's No. 1 player, outscored fellow-American Roscoe Tanner 6-3, 6-2 Friday night, eliminating him from further competition in the \$50,000 Molson Tennis Challenge.

McEnroe, who had already clinched a spot in the semifinal round Friday, fired nine aces past a slow moving Tanner, ranked 14th internationally, to allow American Vitas Gerulaitis, the defending champion here, to also advance to the next round. McEnroe finished the Group "B" round-robin competition without losing a set in three matches, while Gerulaitis ended up 2-1 and Tanner 1-2.

In two other matches in Group 'A' that meant nothing with respect to player's advance to the last four stage, American Jimmy Connors walked through a 6-3, 6-2 victory over compatriot Eliot Teltscher, while Czechoslovakian Ivan Lendl swept past Australian Peter McNamara 6-4, 6-4, to avoid a meeting with McEnroe in the semifinals by taking the top berth in the group. Connors finished 1-2, with Teltscher 0-3.

The action Friday determined who received the prize money for the bottom four place in the eight-man draw. Tanner and Connors earned \$17,500 while both Teltscher and Italian Adriano Panatta, who finished with 0-3 record Thursday night, gained \$12,500.

Czechoslovakian Ivan Lendl, who won the Masters crown, will face Sweden's Bjorn

Borg in an exhibition match at Lisbon, Portugal. The match will be staged shortly after Borg makes his comeback with the Monte Carlo Open after several months of rest.

Fibak falls

Meanwhile, Wojciech Fibak of Poland, the No. 5 seed in the United Bank Tennis Classic, Friday was eliminated in the quarterfinals by Australian Kim Warwick 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 at Denver.

In the quarterfinals action Friday, John Sadri earned a hard-fought 7-5, 7-6 victory over Kevin Curreo of South Africa. Fibak's loss leaves No. 4 seed Sandy Mayer as the only seeded player still alive in the tournament.

Ruzic shocked

Top-seeded Andrea Jaeger overcame a stiff challenge by No. 5 seed Anne Smith to earn a 2-6, 2-6, 6-4 quarterfinal tennis victory Friday night in the \$150,000 Avon Championships of Detroit.

The second and third seeds, Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia and Wendy Turnbull of Australia, also advanced to Saturday's semifinals with victories Friday at Cobo Arena. However, Romania's Virginia Ruzic, the No. 4 seed, was upset 2-6, 6-4, 6-0 and eliminated in her quarterfinal match by unseeded Rosalyn Fairbank of South Africa.

Jausovec defeated sixth-seeded Mary Lou Piatek 7-5, 6-2 and was scheduled to play Fairbank on Saturday. Turnbull turned back unseeded Australian Dianne Fromholz 6-1, 6-2 and will play Jaeger in the semifinals.

As most teams pay off fines

FISA, drivers' tangle takes a new turn

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The Argentine Automobile Club announced Thursday it was seeking postponement of the race because of the uncertainty created by the drivers' refusal to pay fines imposed after their one-day strike at the South African Grand Prix, the first Grand Prix of the 1982 World Championship series.

The Argentine Club also mentioned financial problems, which racing sources in Europe said appeared a major factor in the postponement. Balestre said he would try before Monday to obtain guarantees to save

Simons finishes with day's best

PEBBLE BEACH, California, Feb. 6 (AP) — The International Auto Sports Federation (FISA) announced Friday that fines imposed on 11 of 29 Grand Prix drivers had been paid, a step forward in attempts to save the Argentine Grand Prix March 7.

The payments — believed to have been made by the teams in most cases — lift a threat of suspension of the drivers' racing licenses. The Grand Prix Drivers Association, which is meeting here Sunday, has said the drivers refuse to pay the fines because they did not believe they had been at fault.

The drivers whose fines have been paid, FISA said, are Nelson Piquet (Brazil) and Riccardo Perese (Italy) of Brabham, Niki Lauda (Austria) and John Watson (Britain) of McLaren, Carlos Reutemann (Argentina) and Keke Rosberg (Finland) of Williams, Nigel Mansell (Britain) and Elio de Alz (Italy) of Lotus, Derek Warwick (Britain) of Toleman, Manfred Winkelhock (Germany) of ATS and Roberto Guerrero (Colombia) of Ensign.

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Resch, so impressive in training, managed to snatch third place despite losing a ski stick near the end of the course. The big disappointment of the day was the performance of the Canadians after the triumph of Canada's Gerry Sorenson in the women's Downhill had so raised their morale. The highest placed Canadian was World Cup Downhill leader Steve Podborski, who came a disappointing ninth.

Resch, however, is staged financially by FOCA. Brazilian Nelson Piquet and the reigning World champion and Brabham driver, Ecclestone are reported eager to save it. FISA would not say who paid the fines, but a spokesman for Williams told the Associated Press Friday that the team had paid for Reutemann and Rosberg "but it will come out of their earnings."

FISA said "other drivers have announced their intention to pay out FISA have not yet received the payment," a spokesman for Renault, which has publicly backed the drivers' case for a greater voice in the running of the sport, although censuring their strike action, said the team would await the decision of the drivers' meeting before deciding whether or not to pay for Alain Prost and Rene Arnoux. Ferrari and Alfa Romeo appeared to have taken a similar attitude.

Austrian skiers to the fore

SCHLADMING, Feb. 6 (AP) — With

the cheers of the jubilant home crowd ringing in his ears, Austrian Harti Weirather flew to victory and the gold medal in the men's Downhill at the World Alpine Skiing Championships here Saturday.

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of the race.

Franz Klammer of Austria, one of the favorites for the event before a fall in training Friday left him battered and bruised, finished only seventh. He said, "I knew that after my bad fall Friday which really shook me up, that I would have trouble getting in among the medals. In the circumstances this seventh place does not disappoint me too much."

England claims men's team crown

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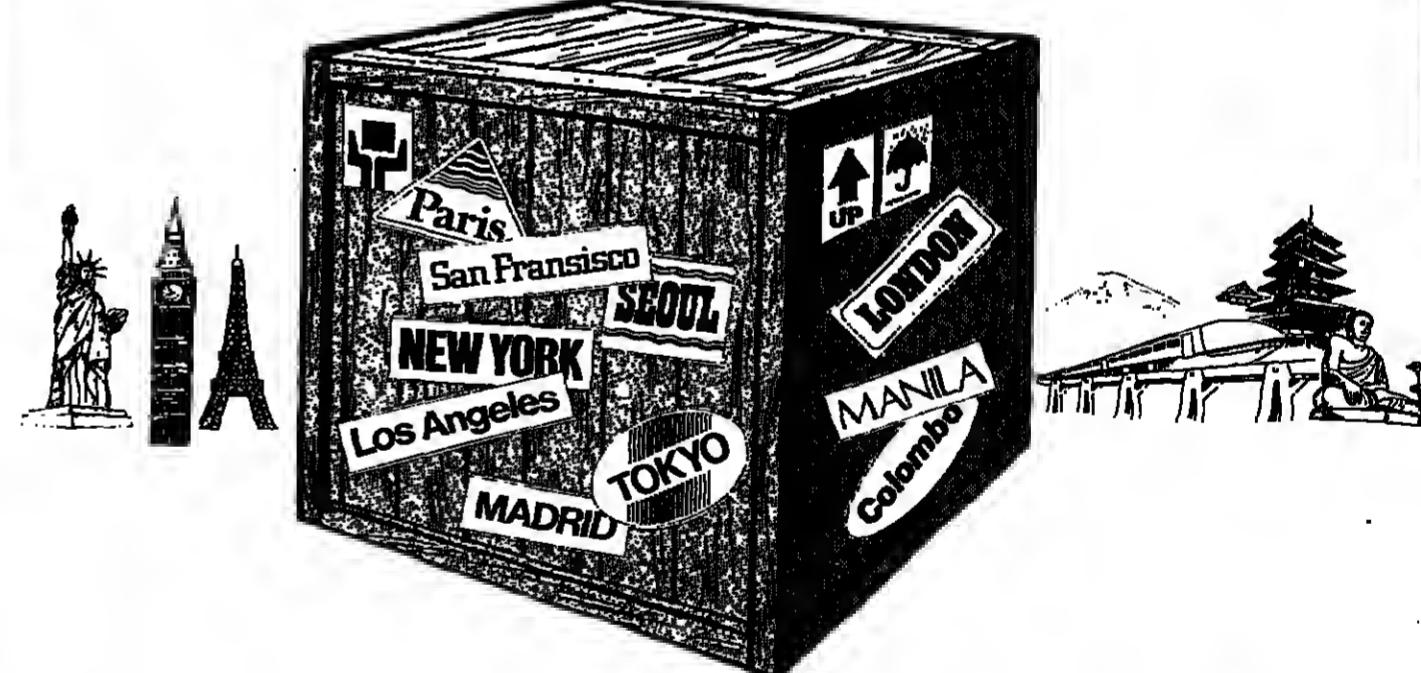
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